

**TESTIMONY OF CAROLYN JACKSON**

**CONGRESSMEN:**

**IT IS AN HONOR TO BE ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TO PRESENT MY VIEWS FROM THE LOCAL LEVEL OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE BEEN AN ELECTION OFFICIAL SINCE 1982. I WILL ATTEMPT IN THE TIME ALLOTTED TO PRESENT TO YOU A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. IT IS A DREADFUL FEELING TO KNOW YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE FLAWLESS ELECTIONS WITH EQUIPMENT THAT IS ANTIQUATED AND NO LONGER SERVICABLE. A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS WOULD ENHANCE THE FINAL PRODUCT. THE PUBLICITY FROM THE NOVEMBER ELECTION HAS CAUSED A LEVEL OF INTEREST FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WHICH CAN BE BENEFICIAL IN THAT THE ATTENTION RECEIVED HAS RESULTED IN A LONG OVER DUE DIALOGUE AMONG ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND VOTERS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY. IT IS MY HOPE THIS DIALOGUE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL PRODUCT THAT WILL ENSURE QUALITY EQUIPMENT AND A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO THE VOTERS WE SERVE, THE VOTERS DESERVE AND EXPECT EDUCATION AND THE ASSURANCE THEIR VOTE IS COUNTED ON ELECTION DAY WHETHER IT BE EARLY, ABSENTEE OR ON THE REGULAR ELECTION DAY. VOTERS SHOULD ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING AN ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE VOTER REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS, THIS PROCESS CAN BE STRESSED THROUGH VOTER EDUCATION WHICH MAY REQUIRE**

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SOURCES THAT NORMALLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTER EDUCATION NOR THE PROCESS ITSELF. THERE ARE MANDATES FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS THAT HAVE CAUSED ADDITIONAL FINANACIAL BURDENS ON THE ELECTION COMMISSIONS THAT ARE ALREADY UNDERFUNDED SUCH AS THE POSTAGE RATES WE MUST ENDURE IN IMPEMINTING THE NVRA, HOPEFULLY AFTER THIS CURRENT CRISES YOU WILL TAKE TIME TO PURSUE THE CONCERNS SURROUNDING THE NVRA. AGAIN IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE AMONG THE LOCAL OFFICIALS GIVEN THE OPPURTUNITY TO PRESENT SOME OF OUR CONCERNS.